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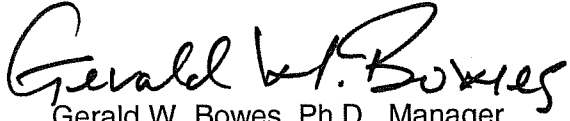
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**TO:** Dominic Gregorio  
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**FROM:**   
Gerald W. Bowes, Ph.D., Manager  
Cal/EPA Scientific Peer Review Program  
Office of Research, Planning, and Performance

**DATE:** February 1, 2011

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTERNAL PEER REVIEWERS :  
Cyanotoxin Toxicity Criteria**

This letter responds to your attached request letter for external scientific peer reviewers for the subject noted above. Through a Cal/EPA Interagency Agreement with the University of California, I requested the University to identify candidates it considered qualified to perform this assignment. Your letter and attachments were provided.

The University communicated with candidates to determine interest and availability. Each willing candidate was asked to complete a National Academy of Sciences-based Conflict of Interest Disclosure form, and send it to me for review. I asked promising candidates to affirm there is nothing in their background a) that might be reasonably construed by others as affecting their judgment; and b) that might constitute an actual or potential source of bias. They also were asked to affirm they would be able to perform an objective and independent review.

I provided approved reviewers with the attached January 7, 2009, Supplement to our peer review guidelines. The Supplement provides rules of conduct for both the organization requesting the review and the reviewers; in part to ensure the review process is kept confidential through its course. **Reviewers' identities must be kept confidential until the reviews have been received by the organization which requested them.**

The approved reviewers are identified below.

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Curriculum Vitae are provided for the approved reviewers with this letter.

**Please contact your reviewers right away telling them when you will transmit the material.** They have accepted the assignment based on the date of availability given in your request letter. If preparation of the material is delayed, ask them if the new date is acceptable, including me as a "cc." If subsequent delays occur, inform the reviewers and me as soon as possible

Ask your reviewers if they would like to receive the material to be reviewed electronically or as a hard copy, or both; and if the address given above is a preferred mailing address for hard copies.

Provide a cover letter to initiate the review. Include with it your original request letter. This was provided to them by the University during the solicitation process, but may not be readily at hand. Inform the reviewers their review must:

- (1) Follow the guidance provided in Attachment 2; and
- (2) Address the topics listed in Attachment 2 **in the order given**, as expertise allows.

**Revisions:** If any part of the initial request has been revised, describe the revisions in your new cover letter, and stamp "REVISED" on each revised page.

Please send me an electronic copy of your cover letter to reviewers and an electronic copy of each review.

If I can provide additional assistance, please contact me at any time during the review process.

Attachments ( 6 )

cc: Elizabeth L. Haven, Assistant Deputy Director, Division of Water Quality

Bruce Fujimoto, DWQ

Kim Ward, DWQ

